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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U. S. PATENT(S) :

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| 4,840,222 | Lakin et al. | Jun 20, 1989 |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

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| EPO | 1 022 210 | Jul 26, 2000 |
| Germany | 197 36 300 | Apr 02, 1998 |
| Germany | 101 33 767 | Jan 30, 2003 |

The references listed above were cited by the European Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicant's counterpart European patent application no. EP 04 00 2855 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

An English language abstract is attached to the enclosed copy of DE 101 33 767.

DE 197 36 300 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,031,306.

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| 6,031,306 | Permy | Feb 29, 2000 |

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive

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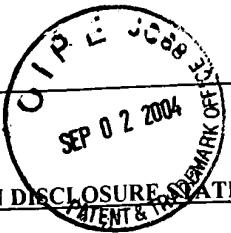
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